Performance of DoP

†170. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that performance of private sector in the field of courier, speed Post and parcel services is better than the department of posts;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve the performance of the department of posts; and

(c) the details of the progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICAITONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Speed Post revenue has been growing at an average rate of 22.8% per annum for the last five years, which is higher than the projected growth rate for Express Industry, viz. 17.5% as per a survey which was got conducted by the Department.

Similarly the revenue in Express Parcel Post of the Department is growing steadily.

Department has set up a Business Development Directorate in 1996 to design, monitor, develop and market value added premium products including Speed Post and Express Parcel Post. Business-friendly strategies such as Volume Discounts, Book Now Pay Later Scheme, Monthly Billing, Pick-up Services, Customized Operations etc., are regular features. A Track and Trace facility called Speednet has been put in place to improve the quality of performance in Speed Post.

A Marketing Division has been set up last year in the Business Development Directorate to create a policy framework and action-plan for marketing of all products including Speed Post and Parcel.

To provide a major momentum to this business, a Parcel and Logistics Division has also been created simultaneously with a supporting structure at field level. For large Parcels and Cargo, Logistic Post has been introduced.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The Progress in Speed Post revenue and traffic in the last three years in as below:

Year	Traffic in lakhs	Revenue (Rs. in Crores)
2002-03	634.07	243.01
2003-04	826.00	298.35
2004-05	960.00	354.16

The corresponding figures for Express Parcel Post are:

Year	Traffic in lakhs	Revenue (Rs. in Crores)
2002-03	57.61	26.09
2003-04	67.27	31.45
2004-05	65.81	37.70

FDI In Telecom Sector

171. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cabinet has decided for foreign direct investment in Telecom Sector from 49 per cent to 74 per cent;

(b) if so, what is the total number of investment that is coming forth to India in view of the modified policy; and

(c) what will be the status of foreign nationals holding top positions like CEOs and MDs in telecom sector after the issues of said guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHAMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Press Note No. 5 (2005 series) on 'enhancement of the Foreign